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In re Application of
Raghu M. Ramajois et al.
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Filed: January 30, 2004
For: **GEAR HOUSING VENT**

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

This is a decision on Applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 received on October 12, 2007 to have reconsidered and withdrawn the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that in a non-final Office action dated July 12, 2007 the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the claimed invention. Specifically, claims 4, 14 and 18 recite "said at least one hole through said sidewall includes two holes". The aforementioned Office action objected to the drawings for not showing this claimed feature.

By way of the instant petition, the applicants argue that figures 1 and 2 of the present invention show a pair of vent holes 15 provided along through a side wall surface of the vent tube 3.

A review of both the drawings and claims indicates that where claims 1, 7 and 17 require "at least one hole", dependent claims 4, 14 and 18 simply serve to further limit claims 1, 7 and 17 by in essence reciting "said at least one hole through said sidewall includes two holes". Figures 1 and 2 clearly show at least two holes. Accordingly, the drawings comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a). The objection to the drawings is hereby withdrawn. The case is currently before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Summary: the Petition is **GRANTED**.

Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner Richard Ridley at 571-272-6917.

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